

**Amendments To The Specification:**

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 2, after the title, as follows:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/004761, filed May 7, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10228754.6 filed June 27, 2002, both applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 2, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

**--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please delete the line at page 1 line 3.

In the English translation document, please delete the line at page 1 line 5.

In the English translation document, please delete the line at page 1 line 12.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 13, as follows:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 2 line 27, as follows:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please delete the line at page 3 line 6.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 3 lines 8-10, as follows:

According to the present invention the object is achieved by the claims ~~a contact device with the features indicated in Claim 1. Beneficial embodiments of the invention are referred to in the sub-claims.~~

In the English translation document, please amend the section heading at page 7 line 24, as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the English translation document, please amend the section heading at page 8 line 21, as follows:

~~Embodiment~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION